60 (XXI). Application of science and technology to economic and social development of ECAFE countries \textsuperscript{29/}

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Considering that progress in the economic and social development of the developing countries of the ECAFE region has not come up to expectations at the mid-point of the United Nations Development Decade and recognizing the need for greater efforts to achieve the targets set for the end of the Decade

Realizing that the application of science and technology for the most effective utilization of resources, both existing and potentially available, is indispensable for the economic and social development of the countries in the region;

Believing that the regional economic commissions are familiar with the problems and the fields which should receive highest priority in the application of science and technology to development and that they should play an important role in the work of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development;

Requests the Executive Secretary to intensify the secretariat's activities concerning the application of science and technology to development in order to implement effectively the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, paying particular attention to the broad areas of immediate interest to the region such as:

1. The development and conservation of physical resources including (a) industrial development (b) energy development (c) water resources development (d) mineral resources development (e) housing, building and physical planning;

2. The development and utilization of human resources, particularly of ways and means of applying science and technology to human and social development;

3. The development of essential services, particularly transport and communications;

\textsuperscript{29/} See para. 407 above.
Further requests the Executive Secretary to follow closely the work and the activities of the United Nations family relating to all aspects of the application of science and technology to development and to report from time to time to the Commission and its subsidiary bodies on important aspects of interest to them and to the region as a whole, and to convey the views of the Commission's subsidiary bodies to the Economic and Social Council's Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development and to other agencies as appropriate.

325th meeting, 24 March 1965.

61 (XXI). Asian International Trade Fair

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recognizing the value of international trade fairs in stimulating trade, and the particular importance of the first Asian International Trade Fair as a means of increasing regional economic co-operation, promoting intraregional and international trade, and encouraging new investment in Asia;

Welcoming the decision of the Government of Thailand to hold the Asian International Trade Fair at Bangkok from 17 November to 10 December 1966;

Noting with satisfaction the progress made with preparations for the Fair;

Noting with appreciation the provision by the United Nations of the services of a trade fair expert to advise the Government of Thailand on the organization of the Fair and to assist Governments of member countries in taking part;

Convinced that wide-spread participation in the Fair is necessary for its success;

32/ See para. 384 above.